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## RUMOR OF LEAK ON OIL REPORT

### Recent Wall Street Raid on Doheny Securities Responsible

#### TIPS BEFORE FINDINGS

First Report of Mexican Wells Going  
Dry Came From Pittsburgh—Is  
Report in Circulation

Washington, June 20.—Official Washington is trying to find out whether a group of Wall Street speculators has succeeded in running another pipe line into any of the Government departments. The spectacular raids recently conducted by the aggressive "bear" contingent in Wall Street against the securities of the Mexican Petroleum and the Pan-American Petroleum concerns controlled by the Doheny interests, is responsible for the pastime.

The reason for the personal interest manifested by officials and Congressmen is that the spectacular drive against the oil properties is alleged to have been based upon advance information regarding the report of an expert of the Shipping Board, which finally reached the public through the agency of a committee of Congress—after some one or several persons had made many millions of dollars.

Several financiers in Pittsburgh, New York and possibly Washington, are credited with having won large sums through the manipulation of Mexican oil securities. Mr. Doheny said in New York he would demand an investigation.

There has been little or no talk of an inquiry here. Washington is much concerned, however, as to where, how and from whom the promoters of one of the most successful stock market coups in recent years secured in advance Government information.

For four or five days Congressional cloakrooms, hotel corridors and brokers' offices have echoed the reports of "leaks" and other mysterious devices by which Wall Street is popularly believed to secure information which it coins into dollars.

Circumstances characterizing the history of the assault on Mexican oil securities have been skillfully woven together by persons of a suspicious turn of mind to support their statements that both the Shipping Board and the Foreign Affairs Committee were made the victims of a "frame up" to raid the Mexican Petroleum securities in the New York stock market.

Propaganda obviously directed against the American oil stocks bore all the earmarks of a carefully conceived plan such as is usually found back of most of Wall Street coups. Five or six weeks ago "exclusive tips" were given to representatives of some of the leading newspapers of the country that they might find a "good story" if they looked into the subject. Covert suggestions were made that an investigation would disclose that "the Mexican oil wells are drying up," "salt water has got into the Mexican wells," "The Mexican supply will be exhausted in a short time," etc.

These reports appeared to emanate from Pittsburgh sources, where there are very large oil interests. A Pittsburgh newspaper printed sensational stories tending to confirm the report. Washington correspondents properly appraised the statement—as Wall Street propaganda. Their judgment was, to some extent, influenced by the presence of one of the boldest of the Wall Street "bears," who appeared to take more than casual interest in accelerating the propaganda.

Soon vague statements began to crystallize into more definite information. Through subtle and insidious channels the tip came that a Government report, showing that the Mexican oil fields were going dry for appearance; also that Congress would various causes, would soon make it call for information and "possibly an investigation" of oil production in Mexico.

The basis for the first statement was that the Shipping Board had sent an expert to Mexico to investigate the actual and potential sources of the petroleum supplies upon which the

## M. P. Church Doings

Children's Day Exercises—Birthdays  
Social Planned—Other Notes

The Methodist Protestant Church was the scene of a large attendance at the services yesterday.

The Sunday School is increasing constantly and yesterday's attendance reached 152.

The automobile contest which is being run in the Sunday School will probably come to a close this coming Sunday. Class No. 8, represented by a Dodge machine, is still leading with Class No. 3, represented by a Cole a second, being 10 miles behind.

Eleven o'clock service was well attended and the pastor, Rev. Robert Browne preached upon "A Politician Who Turned Out Well." He pictured the hardships and sufferings of Paul and Silas while preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the conversion of the jailor at the midnight hour.

Children's Day services were held in the evening at 8 o'clock and the auditorium of the church was crowded with the members and friends of the church. The program was well carried out by the scholars who represented the different characters. Class No. 6, teacher, Mr. Norman Roberts, retained the banner for giving the highest amount to missions.

Tomorrow night the Ladies' Aid will hold a birthday social in the lecture room of the church and all members, friends and visitors are welcome.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, in charge of the pastor, Rev. Robert Browne. After the prayer meeting there will be a short session of the official boards of the church. Strangers and visitors are invited to attend our mid week prayer service. You will find a welcome here.

Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the church, the junior choir will rehearse for Sunday, and at 9 o'clock the senior choir will hold its rehearsal.

A rummage sale is being conducted by the ladies of the church at 314 North Pitt street, and contributions will be greatly appreciated by those in charge.

## Reception By I. O. O. F.

Sarepta Lodge To Honor Bert Wolfe  
Wednesday Night

Bert Wolfe, grand master of the grand lodge of Washington, D. C., will be the guest of honor of Sarepta Lodge No. 46, Odd Fellows, Wednesday night. The members of Potomac Lodge and also the members of all of the lodges in this vicinity have been invited to attend the reception which will be given.

Members of Sarepta Lodge next Sunday night will attend annual memorial services and march in a body to Grace Episcopal Church where Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector, will preach a sermon. The members will assemble at Odd Fellows' Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

## Garden Party

Epworth League of M. E. South to  
Entertain Tomorrow Night

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church South will give a garden party and entertainment tomorrow evening, June 21, from 7 to 10 o'clock at the Young People's Building. For the entertainment beginning at 8:30, an unusually excellent program has been arranged and will be presented by the following: Mrs. Edward E. Dunn, Mrs. Harold Clark, Misses Jennie Richards, Nellie Pierpoint, Margaret Alexander, Helen Outcalt, Irma Wolf, Virginia Wilkins, Edwina Carver, and Wilmoth Bolton and Messrs. N. S. Greenaway, Harold Clark, and Elmer Davis. Refreshments will be sold and served on the lawn in front of the building.

## K. of C. GARDEN PARTY Cor. Queen and Washington Streets

Wednesday and Thursday  
June 22 and 23

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oil burning ships of the Government fleet might depend. Agents of all the oil companies and several Wall Street speculators manifest great interest in the Shipping Board investigation and made efforts to secure a copy of the expert's report. There seem to be little question but that some of the artists in Wall Street were successful

## BROTHERS DROWNED IN FOUR MILE RUN

Young Sons of Mr. and Mrs.  
J. H. Rollins of Del  
Ray

### BODIES RECOVERED

Oldest Boy Was Bathing and Younger  
Brother Loses Life in Effort to  
Save Mate.

Two brothers, Harold Rollins, about ten years old, and Lee Rollins about eight years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rollins of Bellfonte avenue, Del Ray, Arlington, county, were drowned in Four-mile run shortly after 10 o'clock this morning.

Harold Rollins went in swimming. He could swim but little it is said and soon was beyond his depth. Realizing his predicament he cried out lustily for help. His little brother Lee, realizing his older brother's predicament, although unable to swim, went over in an effort to save the brother. Thomas Pence, about fourteen years old of St. Elmo, made an ineffectual effort to prevent Lee Rollins from going overboard, realizing Lee's inability to cope with the situation. Lee, however, determined to make an effort to prevent Harold from losing his life went over despite Pence's resistance and he soon was lost in the run.

News of the double drowning soon spread and a large crowd of persons assembled at the run and a search for the bodies was begun. Half an hour afterward the body of Harold was recovered by James McBride and A. H. Engleking both of whom went overboard and after a short search recovered the body beneath the arch at the run about an hour after the finding of the first body the body of Lee Rollins was recovered by Mr. Freeman.

Both bodies were placed on the bank at the run and Dr. R. J. Yates, coroner of Potomac, was summoned and after learning the facts in the case he deemed an inquest unnecessary and gave a certificate of accidental drowning. The mother of the boys was prostrated upon learning of the news of the drowning. She was ill at home at the time.

Both boys attended school in the town of Potomac and the news of their tragic deaths was received with regret by their many little friends. Mr. and Mrs. Rollins have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

The bodies of both boys were taken to Demaine's chapel and prepared for burial. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

## Dental Candidates

Among the 37 candidates who took the examinations for licenses to practice dentistry in Virginia before the State Board of Dental Examiners 26 were successful. Their names and addresses follow:

F. L. Leonard, Crimora; W. H. Lowe, Kilmarnock; F. Evans, Washington, D. C.; A. N. Land, Norfolk; J. Michalko, Hopewell; M. F. Sommerhald, Roanoke; W. B. Rains, Warsaw; O. L. G. Barnett, Spencer, N. C.; J. M. Wiatt, Gloucester; J. C. Tyree, Richmond; H. F. Shan non, Roanoke; Lieutenant, I. W. Baker, Norfolk; A. M. Hitt, Hughes River; C. S. Grove, Strasburg; W. R. Cline, Stephen City; L. H. Ames, Salisbury, Md.; Herbert Cohn, Richmond; H. T. Gosney, Witt; O. A. Bristow, Saluda; W. E. Clark, Apex, N. C.; C. B. Jennings, Tar; I. W. Godwin, Chuckawalk; Hyman, Bear, Richmond; W. H. Hankins, Richmond; L. A. Fowkes, Newport News; L. V. Henderson, Ashland. Eleven failed to pass the examination.

### CORRECTION

A report that has been circulated about the city to the effect that the Royal Blue Buses belong to the Washington-Virginia Railway Company is absolutely false. The company is absolutely false. The Alexandria Motor Bus Co. is the owner of the buses.

## Married At Burkes

Miss Vera Harlowe Bride of Henry  
D. Merchant

A beautiful wedding was solemnized Sunday at the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Harlowe, Burkes Station, Va., when their daughter, Miss Vera Harlowe, became the bride of Henry Douglas Merchant, a popular employee of the Southern Railroad.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Father V. D. Cuevas, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, of Fairfax Station, Virginia. The wedding march, Richard Wagner's wedding march from "Lohengrin" and Mendelssohn's wedding march from "Midsummer Night Dream" was played by Miss Helen Gainer.

Mr. Wilbur T. Merchant, brother of the groom, acted as best man. The matron of honor, Mrs. Junius Royall, and bridesmaids were Misses Alice Harlowe and Dolly Turke. Little Miss Helen Harlowe was ring bearer. Ushers were Mr. James Royall and Mr. William H. Harlowe.

A wedding supper was served in the spacious dining room of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Merchant left for an extended honeymoon trip through the North. They will be at home to their friends after July 1, at Burkes Station.

Many handsome and valuable presents were received by the bridal couple.

Among those present were: Mr. W. N. Merchant, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nalls, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. White, Mr. and Mrs. G. Edward Dombhart, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Lillard, W. T. Merchant, Russell Nalls, Archie N. Nalls, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Waters, Mrs. Annie Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Harlowe, J. William Harlowe, Everett Wenk, Mrs. R. W. Harlowe, Miss Helen Harlowe, Dabney Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Will Lynch, Miss Nancy Lynch, Miss Jane Murphy, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Howard, Frances Faylor, Miss Helen L. Gaines, William S. Nichelbach, Miss Dolly V. Burke, Miss Susan Wenk, Mr. J. W. Wenk, Mrs. Bertie T. Wenk, Miss Myrtle M. Wenk, Dr. F. M. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Royall, Richmond, Va., Rev. V. D. Cuevas, St. Mary's Fairfax, Va.; Miss Alice Harlowe and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester A. Breen.

### BOTH FINED FOR ASSAULT

In the police court today Lucius Williams, colored, charged with assaulting Albert Jackson, colored, was fined \$25 and the Jackson woman was also fined \$10 for assaulting Williams. The affair was staged last Friday afternoon at 1410 King street. The woman was badly injured and since the assault has been a patient at the Alexandria Hospital. She appeared at headquarters today with her head swathed in bandages.

## Mail Contract

G. W. Francis Lands Same at \$4,500  
a Year

The contract for hauling the mail between the postoffice and union station has been awarded to George W. Francis. Mr. Francis was the lowest bidder, his bid being \$4,500. The contract is for four years.

It becomes effective July 1. This contract for the past four years has been held by W. C. Baggett who was not a bidder for its renewal.

### RECEIVER ASKED FOR

GILLESPIE OIL CO.  
New York, June 20.—A new-ticker today reported that application has been made in the Federal court at Wilmington, Del., for the appointment of a receiver for the Guffey-Gillespie Oil Company by the Tidewater Oil Company.

An order restraining the present Guffey-Gillespie management from disposing of any of its properties at ready has been granted by the Federal court. The action is understood to be friendly as far as Tidewater is concerned.

Benton Harbor, Mich., June 20.—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, will referee the Benny Leonard-Sailor Friedman lightweight championship match here this afternoon of July 4.

## DIPLOMAS FOR 17 AT ST. MARY'S FINAL

Exercises Held at Academy  
Yesterday After-  
noon

### LARGELY ATTENDED

Following Awards Alumnae Banquet  
Held Which Was Attended by Gr-  
duates.

St. Mary's Academy, conducted by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, held its annual commencement exercises at that institution at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large assemblage of friends of the graduates, members of the alumnae and others. Diplomas of graduation were conferred on a class of seventeen graduates, eleven being in the academic course and six in the commercial course.

The awards were made by the Rev. Louis Smet, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, assisted by the Rev. Raymond McGowan. The graduates were addressed by the Rev. Frank Cartwright, of St. Patrick's Church, Washington.

The graduates were: Academic Mary Arnold, Rosella Burke, Catherine Grace, Regina Gorman, Alice Mackey, Ruth Middleton, Kathleen Quinn, A. Smuelsen, Josephine Ram age, Elizabeth Ramage, Catherine Robertson; commercial, Margaret Armstrong, Margaret Shuman, Ruth Crosson, Dorothy Nugent, Virginia Haislip and Irene Kelley.

At the conclusion of the exercises the alumnae held a banquet, which was attended by the graduates, Mrs. Frances R. Weller, regent of the Washington chapter was toast mistress. Miss Katharine Weschler, president of the alumnae, welcomed the class of 1921 and Miss Katherine Grace responded.

The banquet hall was prettily decorated with cut flowers, palms and ferns.

## Gift For Library

Secure Nature History Library  
The June meeting of the board of

managers of the Alexandria Library was held at the residence of Miss Emily Gibson last Tuesday. Reports from the committees were most gratifying. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Anson Dodge, the library has been presented with a splendid edition of the library of natural history edited by Richard Lydekker, B. A., F. R. S., F. Z. S., etc., with introduction by Ernest Seton-Thompson.

This edition consists of six large quarto volumes (12 sections), illustrated with seventy-two colored plates and two thousand engravings, and treats broadly the whole animal kingdom. The following books have been added June 1st:

Raymond, or Life After Death, Sir Oliver Lodge; Famous People, Famous Places; Life in Ancient Athens, T. G. Tucker; Origin of Modern Calculating Machine, J. A. V. Turck; American Literature, Katherine Lee Bates; Good References, E. J. Rath; The Golden Goat, translation, Frances Wilson Huard; The Crimson Blotter, Isabel Ostlander; Ghosts, Arthur Crab; The Kingdom Round the Corner, Cinningby Dawson; Madam Ebel Ledgwick; My Orient Pearl, Charles Colton; Sister Sue, Eleanor Porter; The Guarded Heights, Wadsworth Camp; The Pagan Madonna, Harold McGrath; The Chester Marke Instinct; J. S. Fletcher; In Red and Gold, Samuel Merwin; Through Mock Bird Gap, Jarvis Hall; The Custard Cup, Florence B. Livingston; Twisted Trails, Henry Oyen.

## PRIEST MARKET

Always on Hand  
Dressed Spring Chicken, 60 cents  
134-26p

FOR SALE  
1917 FORD TOURING CAR  
Excellent Condition  
\$225.00 Cash  
MARTIN'S GARAGE  
111 North Pitt Street  
145-1f

## Signs With Nationals

Roland Gaines, of This City, To Be  
Given Try Out In Ball League

Ensign Roland Gaines, of this city, has signed up with the Nationals. The game between the Nationals and Old Fellows, last Thursday, for the benefit of the Salvation Army, was the means of starting an Alexandrian on a big league career. "Nick" Altrock umpired the game, and Roland Gaines pitched for the Nationals. Uncle "Nick" must have discovered something in this Alexandria twirler, because all ready Griffith has prepared a contract and has secured the signature of Gaines. He left yesterday for New York with the Washington Club.

Gaines started his baseball playing with the Alexandria High School. After leaving high school Gaines received an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy, where he made a wonderful record on the mound. Graduating from the Academy the early part of this month, he was spending a few days at home and was asked to pitch for the Nationals. "Nick" saw something good and immediately swung onto it. Griffith, it is understood, has secured for Gaines a three month furlough.

It is the sincere hope of his many Alexandria friends, that his stay in the big league will be crowned with success.

## Hospital Auxiliary

Seek New Laboratory For This Insti-  
tution

The Auxiliary to the Alexandria Hospital, comprising as it does about forty-five young women of Alexandria, held its final meeting of the season at the Nurses' home Tuesday afternoon.

This active body of young women are going to work for the much needed laboratory for the hospital, next winter, and before adjourning for the summer months, decided on having a sale of fancy articles toward this end in the early autumn.

## Recent Deaths

Mrs. Marion Edith Long, wife of Charles J. Long and youngest daughter of the late John H. and Martha E. Knight, of this city, died suddenly at her home at Chesapeake Beach, Md., Saturday night. Besides her husband she is survived by two children. Her funeral will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from Whately's mortuary chapel and services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. B. H. Martin, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church. Burial will be in Christ Church cemetery.

Henry L. Lacey, sixty-nine years old, died this morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Finney, Addison Heights, Arlington Co., Va. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Mrs. Mildred Brown, seventy-eight years old, died Saturday night at her residence at Lloyd Avenue, Del Ray, Arlington county. She was the widow of Thomas Brown. Her funeral will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon and services will be conducted by Rev. J. R. Wood, pastor of the Del Ray M. E. Church. Burial will be in Bethel cemetery.

### MOONLIGHT EXCURSION

BY TORPEDO STATION  
The Alexandria Torpedo Station is giving its second annual moonlight excursion down the river on the steamer St. Johns, Thursday evening, June 23rd. Tickets will be for sale at Torpedo Station dock the evening of the excursion. The tickets are good at Seventh Street dock, Washington, D. C., boat leaving 7:15 p. m., also at Torpedo Station dock, Alexandria, boat leaving 7:30 p. m.

### NOTICE

Owing to a slight accident yesterday, one of the Blue Buses is incapacitated, and while it is being repaired the schedule will be slightly impaired.  
Alexandria Motor Bus Co.  
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JOINT EXCURSION  
by Macabees  
TO MARSHALL HALL  
Tuesday, June 21st, 8:00 a. m.  
Steamer leaves 10:30; 2:30 and 7:10 p. m. Adults, 55 cents; Children 25 cents.  
145-2p

## LEWIS' BOOM IS FADING AWAY

Friends Say Announcement  
of Candidacy Must  
Come Soon

### EXPLAIN SLOWNESS

Opening of Campaign to Unionize  
Steel Industry Postponed—Favors  
Closed Shop

Denver, June 20.—John L. Lewis boom for president of the American Federation of Labor showed signs of deflation today. This may have been partly due to the absence of Mr. Lewis at Colorado Springs and the work of the administration "mechanics" may be a contributory cause, but main reason is the lack of a definite statement from Lewis as to where he stands.

Friends of Lewis have been urging him to declare his candidacy at once. If he does, they say, they believe they can elect him. But, they add, such a declaration must come within 24 hours to be of much real assistance.

There is ground for believing that failure of the anti-Gompers men to produce what they have promised—votes enough to win—explains lack of haste on the part of Lewis in announcing himself as a candidate. They have been long on promises and claims but short on deliveries.

This is true of the railroad men. All of them have been among the anti-Gompers men. There is any reading to be done to oppose Gompers. Most work in the railroad group is done by Tim Healey, who cannot deliver his position solidly.

Lewis is in a position today. If he is a candidate it will mean that he has been given reasonable proof that he can be elected. If he says that he is not a candidate, the record will be that of a man free from defeat, for to date he has not personally told anyone he is a candidate or so far as is known asked any man to vote for him.

The opening of the actual nationwide campaign to unionize the steel industry has been postponed indefinitely because of the industrial depression. It was officially announced last night by the executive council of national and international organizations in the steel industry affiliated with the Federation.

The council discussed wage reductions in the steel mills and decided that "another attempt at wage reductions probably would result in the committee throwing its resources into the fight to help the workers."

The Irish factions continue their squabble, with the result that there is more than a fair chance that they will get little from the convention. Frank P. Walsh in effect has told the delegates, through telegrams and through his agents here, that it must be a boycott of English goods, or nothing and there is a tendency on the part of delegates not of Irish blood or birth to take Walsh at his word and give little.

The personal influence of Peter J. Brady, of New York, who is leading the conservative wing, however, probably will be sufficient to overcome the resentment aroused by the demands of the extremists.

The resolution calling for a boycott was originally signed by 20 delegates. Today 11 of the 20 withdrew their support and declared that the Brady resolution meets with their approval.

The Rev. Hugh L. Memonian, who at the age of 10 worked in the mines of Pennsylvania as a breaker boy, preached a labor sermon in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception today. In this he declared strongly for the closed union shop "if it is necessary, to advance the cause of the workers," at the same time urging that labor purge itself of all that is "unclean and unworthy."

William H. Johnston, president of the Machinists, who was denied admission to Russia, and was last heard from in Berlin en route for home, has been called by representatives of the Near-East-Relief Fund to proceed to Constantinople, with a view of helping the work when he returns home.